

The Easter Sunrise Sermon by O.H. Hornung Jr, Palmyra Island, T.H. April 17, 1949.

Folks, the sermon this morning is going to be very short. It is fitting that we gather this Easter morning to join millions of others through out the world in prayer and meditation.

With the world in another state of unrest, suspicion and greed, our little band gathered here on this island by the ocean can do much to promote a greater understanding among men. I do not mean to say, that we can prevent war and destruction through out the world, but by a better understanding of each other and a desire to help each other in our own little community.

Our day to day troubles seem large to us, but if we look at the other side of the picture, they are not large. Through out the world there are millions, who do not have the freedom of religion, the freedom of speech, the food and clothes, that we enjoy in the United States.

At times we get worn out with government regulations, new laws and even some of the rules and regulations that have to be issued here on the island. Many of these have been necessary because we have failed to give any thought to the rights of others.

A man is wise to discipline himself, in a country like ours. One hundred and thirty million people cannot be watched all of the time. The disciplined man plays the game whether he is watched or not.

Jesus said, "Why beholdest thou the mote in thy brothers eye and seest not the beam in thine own eye." Real self discipline does not deprive man of action, it fits them for harmonious and effective action.

If each of us would first look into our own lives, before finding fault with others, and remember, that there was only one, who was perfect and that was Jesus Christ, who was crucified and rose again.

There is no reason in the world, why our little community cannot be one of the best and happiest stations in the Pacific, if we really learn the art of self discipline and cooperation.

The end.